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THE TRUST
PART TWO
PREVIOUSLY...



After the superhuman Civil War, Luke Cage, Spider-Man, Wolverine and Spider-Woman went underground rather than register their identities with the government. Together with Clint Barton--now wearing the costume of Ronin--Doctor Strange and Iron Fist, they have traveled to Japan to rescue Maya Lopez, the deaf woman also known as Echo, from the band of assassins known as the Hand.

When Elektra, the Hand's leader, is killed in battle, her body reverts to its true form: that of a Skrull, a shape-shifting alien.

Meanwhile, in New York City, Iron Man's team of Mighty Avengers are fighting a newly-powered Ultron, who has set off an EMP attack which has cut off all types of power. Iron Fist's plane, which the New Avengers are using to fly back to the United States, falls out of the sky as the team is in the middle of an intense debate about what to do with the dead Skrull's body.

When the plane crashes in a golf course outside of Chicago, Spider-Woman takes the Skrull body and leaves her teammates behind.

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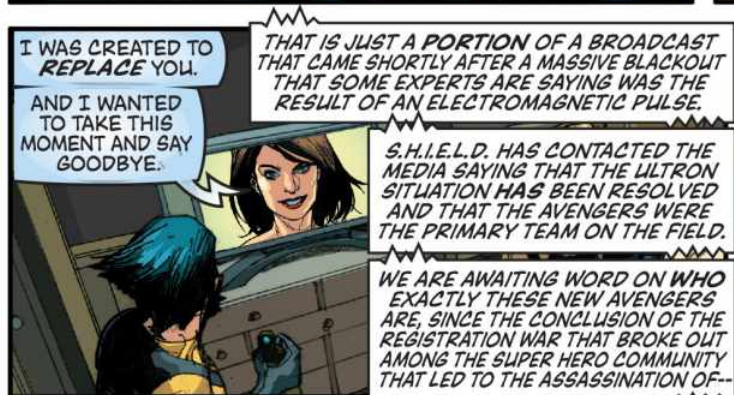
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I KNOW THESE ARE TENSE TIMES. BUT I PROMISE YOU, WEAPONS ARE NOT NECESSARY.

CASH WILL DO.

MY NAME IS LELAND OWLSLEY. AND I KNOW YOU'RE INTERESTED IN WHAT I HAVE TO OFFER OR YOU WOULD NOT HAVE COME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE.

SO AGAIN, I ASSURE YOU, THE GUNS ARE INAPPROPRIATE.

FIRST, SOME INTRODUCTIONS...

THIS IS THE CRIMSON COWL.

THIS IS DOCTOR JONAS HARROW.

(NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.)

GO TO HELL.

BENTLEY WITTMAN, THE WIZARD.

I-I DON'T LIKE THIS.

AND THE MAYBE-LOVELY WHITNEY FROST, A.K.A. MADAME MASQUE.

IF THIS IS AN FBI STING, I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW THAT I AM ONLY HERE BECAUSE--

THIS AIN'T A STING OPERATION.

THIS IS AN OPEN AUCTION. HIGHEST BIDDER WINS.

BUT BEFORE WE START, IF ANY ONE OF YOU TRIES ANY FUNNY BUSINESS...

...LIKE SHOOTING ME IN THE HEAD OR TRYING

...DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE ALREADY

AFTER THE TRANSACTION IS COMPLETE, AND ONLY AFTER THE TRANSACTION IS COMPLETE... WILL I LIFT THE CONTRACTS.

IF THE CONTRACTORS DO NOT HEAR FROM ME WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, THE PIN IS PULLED.

SO, MY POINT IS, IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS TO KEEP ME HAPPY AND BREATHING.

WHAT IS IT ALREADY? I HATE THIS CRYPTIC %\$%#!

IF THIS IS MORE CAPEKILLER ARMOR PARTS, I'VE GOT PLENTY.

LET'S SEE IT.















UH...
I GOT
TO GET
HOME.

MAYBE WE
SHOULD JUST
WALK AWAY FROM
ALL THIS.



IF YOU ALL GOTTA LEAVE,
LEAVE. I CAN'T TELL
YOU NOT TO.

WHAT
HAPPENED?

WELL,
WE CAN'T TRUST
EACH OTHER.



WHY?

BEFORE WE
LEFT FOR JAPAN, I CAST
SPELLS OF INTENTION
ON ALL OF YOU.

NO ONE HERE,
AS FAR AS I CAN TELL,
NO ONE HERE IS OTHER THAN
WHAT THEY SAY THEY ARE.

AS FAR
AS YOU
CAN TELL.



THIS HOUSE
IS OPEN TO ALL
OF YOU.

YOU ARE MORE
THAN WELCOME TO
STAY HERE.
YOU ARE MORE THAN



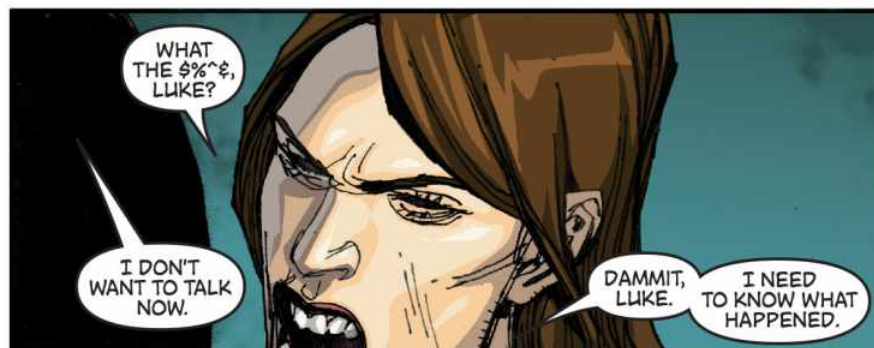
TELL YOU WHAT...
WE MEET BACK
HERE FOR DINNER
TOMORROW
NIGHT.

GIVE
EVERYONE A
DAY TO CLEAR
THEIR HEADS
AND FIGURE
SOME @#\$\$
OUT.

IF YOU
COME BACK,
WE'LL START TO
PUT TOGETHER
A PLAN.

IF
YOU DON'T--
AIN'T NO
BOTHER.





HOW MUCH
SUPPORT IS ENOUGH
FOR YOU?? I'VE @#\$%ING
SWALLOWED EVERY PART
OF MYSELF TO DO THE
RIGHT THING HERE!

HOW
MUCH OF MYSELF
AM I SUPPOSED
TO SUPPRESS IN
ALL THIS?

HOW
MUCH OF
MYSELF DO
I HAVE TO
CHANGE?



YOU
HAVE CHANGED
A LOT.

BECAUSE
I HAD TO.

HAVEN'T
HAD A DRINK.

WE
GOT A
KID.

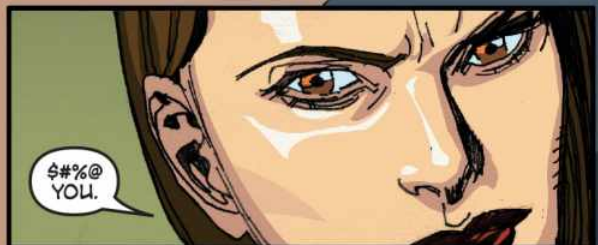
UH-
HUH.

AND ALL OF
A SUDDEN YOU
LOVE ME.

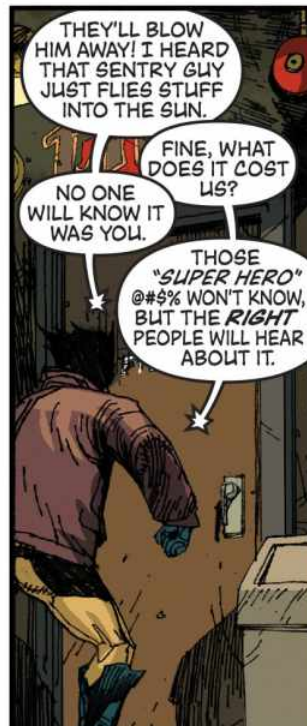
"ALL OF A
SUDDEN?"
WHAT THE
HELL IS **WRONG**
WITH YOU?



\$#%
YOU.











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